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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Joost VAN NEERVEN ) Group Art Unit: 1641  
Serial No.: 09/467,901 ) Examiner: Pensee T. Do  
Filed: December 21, 1999 ) Confirmation No.: 2936  
For: A METHOD OF DETECTING )  
AND/OR QUANTIFYING A )  
SPECIFIC IGE ANTIBODY IN A )  
LIQUID SAMPLE )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicant files a Request for Continued Examination and this Preliminary Amendment following the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated May 22, 2007, in Appeal 2007-1070. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.